## **San Francisco Maritime**

## The 10 Most Common Birds:

## San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

American Crow All-black with a black bill. 18"(inches) Year-round. Fun Fact: Very intelligent!

- American Robin Distinctive red breast. 9 11" Year-round. Fun Fact: Because it forages mostly on lawns, it can be poisoned by insecticides.
- Anna's Hummingbird Male: rose-colored throat. Female: rose-colored spot on throat.  $3\frac{1}{2}$   $4\frac{1}{2}$ " Year-round. Fun Fact: The male Anna's has an elaborate dive display, subjecting it to 10-Gs of force. Consult www.allaboutbirds.org to learn how to feed hummers.
- Brewer's Blackbird Iridescent black with yellow eyes. 8 10" Year-round. Fun Fact: Lives in open and urban areas.
- Brown Pelican Large with yellow head and pouch; dark belly. 48" March December. Fun Fact: Its pouch holds a fish for easy eating.
- **Double-crested Cormorant** Black with yellow-orange throat pouch. 30 35" Year-round. Fun Fact: To get dry, it holds its wings out.
- European Starling (Exotic★) Glossy, dark, speckled bird. 9" Year-round. Fun Fact: European Starlings in North America descend from 100 birds set free in New York City in the early 1890s.
- Rock Pigeon or Pigeon (Exotic) Can be blue-gray, black, red, or white. 13 14" Year-round. Fun Fact: Pigeons were brought to this country by early European settlers.
- Western Grebe Black with very long neck and long, yellow-green bill. 23 28" October May. Fun Fact: Its bill is a built-in spear for catching fish.
- Western Gull White head with dark gray back, pink legs, and yellow eyes. 24 26" Year-round. Fun Facts: Gulls can desalinate salt water for drinking, but prefer fresh. Did you know that "seagulls" can be found living far inland; that's why "gull" is the proper term.

<sup>\*</sup>What are "Exotics?" Exotic birds originate in other locations. Once established, they can crowd out native birds. For instance, the **European Starling** often competes successfully with native birds for nest cavities.

## Some Less Common Birds

	Allen's Hummingbird
	Barn Swallow
	Black-crowned Night Heron
	Black Phoebe
	Clark's Grebe
	Common Loon
	Golden-crowned Sparrow
	Great Blue Heron
	Great Egret
	House Finch
	House Sparrow (Exotic)
	Belted Kingfisher
	Mew Gull
	Northern Mockingbird
	Parrots (Exotics)
	Red-breasted Merganser
	Ring-billed Gull
	Snowy Egret
	Surf Scoter
	White-crowned Sparrow
	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Did you find other bird species at the park? List them here:	